

342 Macedonia Church Road, Sparta, NC 28675

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34 - 35 (NIV)

I love You Lord

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV).

Love is patient

God so loved the world

God is Love

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. John 4: 7 -12 (NIV)



DON'T FORGET

Pregnancy Care Center Fund Raiser

Baby bottles will be collected this Sunday (Feb 26th).



Grace Community Church supports the work of our local Pregnancy Care Center with an annual fund raiser of baby bottles filled with donations.

Agricultural Ministry

A newly formed group is taking steps to be of assistance to each other as well as those around us.



- Outreach: Wayne Overcash
- Soils: Travis Smith
- Gardening: Amy Huysman
- Greenhouse: Mark Greer
- Preserving/Canning: Anna Griffith
- Foraging: Hannah Scheele
- Land Planning: Chris Huysman
- Farm animals:
 - Chickens: Amy Angers
 - Dairy goats: Amy Huysman
 - Honeybees: John Riggs
 - Rabbits: Bob Alexander

Welcome New Members

It is a great blessing to receive new members into our congregation.

- Richard and Martha Adams
- Donny, Wendy and Jesse McCall
- Anthony & Lee Finger
- Hannah Scheele

We pray your time with us offers you the chance to explore and deepen your faith and enrich the love you have for the Lord.

We welcome you, our treasured and newest members, with open arms and love.



Stephen, Kristin, Jonah, and Amalie are excited to announce the birth of Finley Hannah Smith born January 26th at 10:32 pm. 8 lbs 10 oz and 20 inches long.

This is My Story: Hannah Jean Scheele

I've been in Sparta for about a year now.

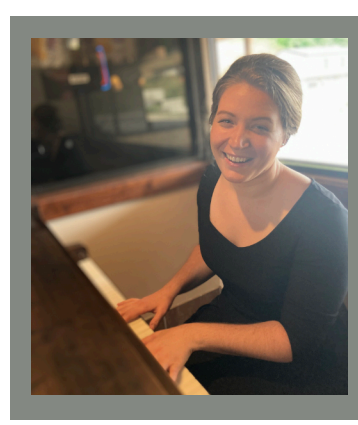
I grew up in a small town along the northern border between Wisconsin and Minnesota and loved it - especially the autumn and winter seasons!

I was born again when I was 16 - I realized I needed to trust in Jesus's finished work on the cross and not my own efforts to make me right with God.

I was homeschooled and then went to the UW school in River Falls for my undergraduate in Music Business. While completing my undergraduate program I had the chance to travel/backpack in Europe. After graduating I lived in Iowa for a while and then went back to Scotland for my masters. In the middle of my masters program my sister had some medical "happenings" so I went to live near her and her family in Salt Lake City for a year. Then I went back to Glasgow, finished my masters work, and moved here.

I came here because I have interest in the Foster system and my aunt is a Guardian ad Litem for Alleghany county. My aunt and uncle were glad for me to come here and learn from her. I'm also working towards a clinical musician certification.

I found Grace Community because my neighbors, Bob and Janice Alexander, invited me to tag along and play music with them one Sunday. It was so obvious that Grace was where I was supposed to be, so I just kept coming back. I am thankful for how my church family are a praying people who seek God's direction and His will. God has grown me in my dependence on Him through prayer through the church's example and I couldn't be more grateful.



We have started our next year of collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. We are excited to help promote the gospel with this great tool. . . a shoe box of "treasures" for a child.

One packing party has been held so be collecting items for the next packing event. A box for your donations is in the foyer. Collectively as we are out and about and see good deals, we can fill these boxes easily.

Baby Dedications

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." Jeremiah 1:5a

We are praising God for sweet Christian parents who dedicated their babies to God and His service.

Those of us who have raised children can attest to the fact that is isn't always an easy job. While our children bring us so much joy, they can also give us sleepless nights. With that said, we as a Christian body of believers commit to supporting these parents with our prayers. We pray that God will use us as a reflection of Christ in the lives of these young ones.

- Oakley Hall (parents- Zack & Summer Hall)
- Tucker Davis (parents- Brice & Holly Davis)
- Ansley Muncus (parents- Zack & Casey Muncus)
- Finley Smith (parents- Stephen & Kristin Smith)

Tell it to **your children**, and let **your children** tell it to their **children**, and their **children** to the next generation. Joel 1:3 (NIV)

Start **children** off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your foreheads. **19** Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11: 18-19 (NIV)



Open Wednesday afternoon, 4:30 - 6 pm the church doors are open to anyone who wants to spend time in prayer. Come and go as your schedule allows.

Monthly prayer request sheets are available on the table in front of the sound booth. Take a sheet home & support those in need of prayer.

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- Steve Mason 540-424-8007
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